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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 January 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This action is in reply to the Application filed on 12 January 2006.
2. Claim 5 was amended.
3. Claims 6-8 were added.
4. Claims 1-8 are currently pending and have been examined.

Drawings

5. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the drawings are illegible in places and Korean is used throughout. Please see MPEP 608.02 for further explanation. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Campbell et al. (US 6047259).

CLAIM 1 –

As per claim 1, Campbell et al. disclose a method comprising:

- a first step of managing medical information required for treating patients in such a manner that a service-providing system (***The remote computer 149 is usually a server see col. 5 ll. 9-10 of Campbell et al.***) (10) transmits a doctor web screen, a nurse web screen, and an laboratory web screen for medical information management to a doctor terminal (20), a nurse terminal (30), and an laboratory staff terminal (40) connected to the service-providing system (10) over the Internet or an Intranet (***Internet see col. 5 ll. 25 of Campbell et al.***), respectively stores information input through the web screens from the terminals to share the information through the respective web screens (***server software coordinates communication among the client computers, manages a database of client and patient data see col. 3 ll. 55-57 of Campbell et al.***)
- a second step of, by the service-providing system (10), providing a menu on the web screens, the menu allowing a user to add, delete and modify the medical record forms provided through the web screens so that the user inputs medical information on patients, and storing the added, deleted and modified medical record forms (see ***Fig. 3 of Campbell et al.***)
- a third step of, by the service-providing system (10), providing a list of the stored medical record forms if there is a request for inspection of the list, and providing the medical record forms selected from the list through the web screens (***series of buttons 410 that list and navigate to screens used to obtain input and guide the user through the physical exam see Fig. 4; col. 12 ll. 18-20 of Campbell et al.***)

- a fourth step of, by the service-providing system (10), providing a menu through the web screens, the menu allowing the user to directly select a medical record form provided as a default record form through the web screens (***series of buttons 410 that list and navigate to screens used to obtain input and guide the user through the physical exam see Fig. 4; col. 12 ll. 18-20 of Campbell et al.***), and providing the selected medical record form as a default document through the web screens (***many of the observations listed in the exam screens default to normal see col. 13 ll. 19-20 of Campbell et al.***)

Note that the different web screens and terminals are considered intended use since they are not sufficiently defined in the specification as to patentably distinguish them from each other.

CLAIM 2 –

Campbell et al. disclose the method of claim 1 above. Campbell et al. further disclose:

- a fifth step of, by the service-providing system (10), providing a menu through the web screens, the menu allowing the users to insert an image into the medical record forms, wherein the image is either a photographed image obtained by photographing a wound portion of a patient or an image template used for illustration (***screen 700 used to prompt the user for graphical input of medical observations see col. 15 ll. 56-57 of Campbell et al.***), and is stored together with the medical information on patients input into the medical record forms (***the client software records medical observations as observation records in a database file see col. 16 ll. 5-6 of Campbell et al.***)

CLAIM 3 –

Campbell et al. disclose the method of claim 2 above. Campbell et al. further disclose:

- wherein the photographed image is stored in at least one of the doctor terminal (20), the nurse terminal (30), and the laboratory terminal (40), is uploaded to the service-providing system through the menu enabling the insertion of the image,

and is stored together with the medical information on patients (***the client software records medical observations as observation records in a database file see col. 16 ll. 5-6 of Campbell et al.***)

CLAIM 4 –

Campbell et al. disclose the method of claim 2 above. Campbell et al. further disclose:

- wherein the image template used for illustration can be uploaded to or modified or deleted in the service-providing system by means of an image template management menu provided on the web screens (***screen 700 used to prompt the user for graphical input of medical observations see col. 15 ll. 56-57 of Campbell et al.***), and the uploaded or modified image template is stored in a folder designated by the user or automatically in a folder designated according to the user information and is stored together with the medical information on patients through the menu enabling the insertion of the image (***the client software records medical observations as observation records in a database file see col. 16 ll. 5-6 of Campbell et al.***)

The choice of where to store the image template would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention. In order to simplify the filing system, it would have been obvious to create a folder with all of a patients files and continue storing all information on the patient in that folder.

CLAIM 5-8 –

Campbell et al. disclose the methods of claims 1-4 above. Campbell et al. further disclose:

- wherein the medical record forms can be classified and managed according to doctors or treatment departments, and authority to add, delete and modify the medical record forms can be limited (***the server 202 maintains a table that lists computers and users indexed to data and functions that the computer or user can access....This table keeps track of who is logged into the system***)

and determines, based on who is logged in, what functions and data each person will be able to access see col. 6 ll. 26-33 of Campbell et al.)

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MINNAH SEOH whose telephone number is (571) 270-7778. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry O'Connor can be reached on (571) 272-6787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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